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1. US-SOVIET RELATIONS AT 32ND GA--

AMB LEONARD CALLED ON SOVIET CHARGE KHARLAMOV TO REEMPHASIZE ASSURANCES THAT THE US SOUGHT COOPERATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION AT THE FORTHCOMING UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. WHILE HKARLAMOV EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THESE ASSURANCES AND A DESIRE FOR COOPERATION, SOVIET RESERVE ON HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS WAS CLEAR. LEONARD SAID WE HAD NO INTENTION OF MOUNTING ANY CAMPAIGNS OR ATTACKES AGAINST THE USSR AT THE 32ND GA, AND OUR COMMENTS ON MATTERS SUCH AS HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD BE BASED UPON PRINCIPLE AND NOT BE DESIGNED TO ISOLATE ANYONE IN PARTICULAR OR SUBJECT ANY ONE COUNTRY TO SPECIAL CRITICISM. WE WOULD EXPECT THESE COMMENTS TO BE DIRECTED TOWARD CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTIONS ON THE BASIS OF INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED NORMS. KHARLAMOV, QUESTIONING "INTER-CONFIDENTIAL

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NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED NORMS," SAID THE TERM HAD A "PHILOSOPHICAL" RING TO IT RATHER THAN ONE OF "REALITY." HE DESCRIBED THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS "A DOUBLE-EDGED WEAPON" WHICH COULD BRING NO GOOD FOR ANYONE. OVINNIKOV (USSR) ASSERTED THAT "DURING RECENT YEARS" THE USSR HAD NOT MOUNTED ATTACKS AGAINST THE US AT THE UN, AND LEONARD REPLIED THAT QUESTION HAD ITS DIRECT AND INDIRECT ASPECTS. KHARLAMOV COMMENTED THAT AT LEAST HALF THE GA AGENDA ITEMS COULD BE USEFULLY DROPPED. LEONARD AGREED AND STRESSED THE DESIRABILITY OF FOCUSING ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS. IN CONCLUSION, KHARLAMOV TOLD LEONARD HE WANTED TO GIVE EVERY POSSIBLE ASSURANCE THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD TRY TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF COOPERATION. (CONFIDENTIAL --USUN 2374)

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2. FRG HOSTAGES CONVENTION ITEM--

GROUP OF FRIENDLY WESTERN EUROPEAN, LATIN AMERICAN AND ASIAN DELEGATIONS MET AT FRG MISSION TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS OF THE AUG. 1-19 SESSION OF THE NEW AD HOC

COMMITTEE ON THE CONVENTION AGAINST THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES.
TONE OF MEETING WAS SET BY FRG WHICH STATED BONN'S BELIEF
THAT A REASONABLE GOAL FOR THIS INITIAL SESSION WOULD BE
A CAREFUL FIRST READING OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION. FRG
EXPLAINED THAT SUITABLE AFRICAN COSPONSORSHIP HAD NOT
PROVEN POSSIBLE AND FRG DECIDED BEST COURSE WOULD BE FOR
IT ALONE TO SPONSOR. GERMANS ARE CONCERNED BY POSSIBILITY
OF DELAY BECAUSE EE'S HAVE NOT YET DECIDED WHO WILL BE
THIRD AND FOURTH EE MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE.

NEED FOR STRONG AND SOPHISTICATED CHAIRMAN IS A MORE SERIOUS
PROBLEM: VENEZUELAN AMB CONSALVI RETURNED TO CARACAS;
APPARENTLY THERE IS NO VENEZUELAN OR MEXICAN INTEREST IN
PRODUCING ANOTHER CANDIDATE; SURPRISINGLY, CORREA
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(NICARAGUA) ANNOUNCED HIS CANDIDACY (NUMBER OF WEO'S
LATER QUESTIONED DESIRABILITY OF HIS CANDIDACY); AND
SWEDEN, ONLY WEO WHO COULD USEFULLY SEEK ELECTION AS
CHAIRMAN, IS UNWILLING TO DO SO. XCOMMITTEE SECRETARY
MALIK (LEBANESE) SAID SECRETARIAT BACKGROUND PAPER
COLLECTING RECENT TREATY TEXTS WILL BE SLENDER BECAUSE
OF ELEMENTS IN SECRETARIAT WHICH HAD INSISTED THAT AN
EXHAUSTIVE STUDY WOULD HAVE TO INCLUDE TEXTS DEALING
WITH SELF-DETERMINATION AND NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.
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3. ARTICLE ON ISRAELI TORTURE CIRCULATED --

AT REQUEST OF ARAB GROUP CHAIRMAN MEDANI (SUDAN), THE UN
CIRCULATED (A/32/132; S/12356) SUNDAY TIMES (LONDON) ARTICLE
OF JUNE 19 ENTITLED "ISRAEL TORTURES ARAB PRISONERS" AND
ALSO SUNDAY TIMES EDITORIAL OF SAME DATE. ISRAELIS INFORMED US
THEY HAVE NOT DECIDED WHETHER TO REPLY, BUT POSSIBLE RESPONSE
WOULD BE TO REITERATE THRUST OF ISRAELI LETTER TO TIMES
REFUTING ARTICLE AS GROUNDLESS AND BASED ON SECOND-HAND
EVIDENCE. (LIMITED OFFICAL USE -- USUN 2370)

4. CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFICYP --

SINCE LATEST SYG APPEAL FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR
UNFICYP THE UN HAS RECEIVED PAYMENTS FROM FIVE
MEMBER GOVERNMENTS (IRAN, NORWAY, GHANA, SWEDEN AND PHILIPPINES)
TOTTALLING \$784,415 AND HAS BEEN INFORMED
THAT ANOTHER (GREECE - \$400,000) IS EN ROUTE.

IN ADDITION, LIBYA HAS PLEDGED 20,000 FOR THE PERIOD
DEC. 16, 1976 TO JUNE 15, 1977. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE --
USUN 2372)

5. CHERNYSHEV INCIDENT --

SOVIETS RAISED ISSUE OF CHERNYSHEV INCIDENT WITH
PREPARED STATEMENT READ JUST PRIOR TO FORMAL OPENING OF
UN MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 21. SOVIET
STATEMENT CLAIMED THAT THE BANDIT-LIKE ATTACK ON
CHERNYSHEV WAS OBVIOUSLY PLANNED IN ADVANCE; SUCH ACTIONS
DO NOT PERMIT THE SOVIET DELEGATION TO CARRY ON ITS
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NORMAL MSC DUTIES WHILE RESIDING IN THE HOST COUNTRY;
AND SOVIET MISSION DEMANDED THAT SUCH PROVOCATIONS CEASE.
SOVIET PLOY TO HAVE STATEMENT EMBODIED IN ACTUAL MINUTES
OF MEETING DID NOT SUCCEED. WITH US REPLY, US CHALLENGE
TO THE ENGLISH-RUSSIAN TRANSLATION OF THAT REPLY, AND
STATEMENTS BY OTHER DELEGATIONS, THE NORMALLY FIVE-AND-
HALF MINUTE MEETING LASTED 45 MINUTES. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE --
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6. COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID --

CHAIRMAN HARRIMAN (NIGERIA), IN STATEMENT IN THE
COMMITTEE JULY 26 ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE FORTHCOMING
WORLD CONFERENCE FOR ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID SCHEDULED
TO BE HELD IN LAGOS AUG. 22-26, DECLARED THAT THE CON-
FERENCE WOULD BE "THE SIGNAL FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF
APARTHEID, FOR THE EMANCIPATION OF AFRICA AND FOR THE
ELIMINATION OF RACISM." THE CONFERENCE, HE SAID, WOULD ADOPT
"A SIMPLE DECLARATION UPHOLDING THE LEGITIMACY OF THE
STRUGGLE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE TO ERADICATE
APARTHEID AND ESTABLISH A NON-RACIAL SOCIETY; AND PLEDGING
UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO
ENABLE THEM TO ATTAIN THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF ALL
THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA, IRRESPECTIVE OF RACE, COLOR
OR CREED." HARRIMAN ALSO REPORTED ON HIS PARTICIPATION
IN THE MEETINGS OF THE OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN
LIBREVILLE AND THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION SUB-
COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND
APARTHEID IN GENEVA.

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SUBSEQUENTLY, IN CLOSED SESSION THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED
PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LAGOS CONFERENCE

IN OTHER ACTION, THE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED ITS CHAIRMAN TO COMMEND THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON AFRICA FOR ITS CAMPAIGN FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ORGANIZATION AND INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS FROM US BANKS MAKING LOANS TO SOUTH AFRICA. THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD APPEALED TO MANY ORGANIZATIONS TO WITHDRAW ACCOUNTS FROM THE FOLLOWING BANKS UNLESS THEY INDICATED A CHANGE IN POLICY: CITIBANK, CHASE MANHATTA, MORGAN GURANTY TRUST, MANUFACTURER'S HANOVER TRUST, ALL OF NEW YORK, AND FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO, CONTINENTAL BANK OF CHICAGO, AND BANK OF AMERICA, CALIFORNIA. HARRIMAN CITED TWO MAJOR UNIONS WHICH HAD WITHDRAWN \$10 MILLION IN DEPOSITS AS WELL AS SEVERAL CHURCH GROUPS WHICH MADE WITHDRAWALS. HE ALSO SAID HE HAD WRITTEN THE JAPANESE PERMREP ABOUT THE ALLEGATION THAT JAPAN WAS PURCHASING URANIUM MINED IN NAMIBIA AND ASSISTING SOUTH AFRICA WITH NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. HE NOTED THAT NUCLEAR EXPERTS FROM FRG AND SOUTH AFRICA HAD EXCHANGED VISITS. HARRIMAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO SEVERAL STATES, INCLUDING JAMAICA, CUBA AND KENYA, FOR NOT ATTENDING THE WORLD PARAPLEGIC GAMES IN ENGLAND THIS WEEK BECAUSE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S PRESENCE.

7. FURTHER LIBYAN COMPLAINT TO THE SYG--

THE UN CIRCULATED (S/12373), AT REQUEST OF LIBYAN AMB KIKHIA, TEXT OF CABLE TO THE SYG FROM THE LIBYAN CONFIDENTIAL

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FOREIGN SECRETARY CONCERNING REPEATED EGYPTIAN RAIDS AGAINST CIVILIAN TARGETS IN LIBYA, WHICH HAVE BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED BY EGYPT. HE CHARGED THAT THESE CRIMINAL ACTS THREATENED INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, AND AGAIN STATED THAT UNLESS THIS AGGRESSION STOPPED IMMEDIATELY LIBYA WOULD BE COMPELLED TO TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO PROTECT ITS PEOPLE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. (USUN 2371)

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